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SUBJECT.

Directs the Satawi Pujaris to present prasadam
in plates to Brahmuis in the Sri Anjaneya
Swami temple at Kankamballi in the
Chintamani Taluk.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

LATER REFERENCES.

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SUBJECT.

Re presentation of Prasada in plates to Brahmmins by the Satami Archak of the Sri Anjaneyaswami Temple at Kanganhalli in the Chintamani Taluk, and the blocking up the entrance of the temple Garbhagudi by the Archak

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District

Letter No. 6591/241, Dated 18th March 1907.

In the communication cited above, the Deputy Commissioner reports that one Venkatarayappa, Satami Archak of the Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at Kanganhalli, in the Chintamani Taluk, refused to present the temple prasada in plates to the Brahmmins, and that consequently misunderstanding arose between the Brahmmins and the Archak. The latter thereupon blocked the entrance to the Garbhagudi by placing stones and planks across the doorway, with a view to prevent the Brahmmins from entering the

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Garbhagudi to take the prasada from near the foot of the image. The Brahmmins thereupon made a complaint in the matter to the Amildar, and Mr S Dharma Rao, who was then the Acting Amildar of the Chintamani Taluk, proceeded to the spot, got the obstruction removed and warned the Archak against the repetition of the same. As soon as Mr Dharma Rao turned his back upon the temple, the Archak again put up the obstruction and stated that he did so with a view to prevent the Brahmmins from entering the Garbhagudi. Mr Chemigappa, who succeeded Mr Dharma Rao as Amildar, held further enquiry in the matter. The Archak stated the above stated reason for his causing the obstruction and stated that Satamies alone were competent to enter the Garbhagudi. The Amildar reported the facts to the Assistant Commissioner and expressed it as his opinion that it was not fair to create invidious distinction in favor of the Archak's caste people in preference to other castes and that the Archak alone should have the right to enter the Garbhagudi.

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on any occasions and that he might take the assistance of one or two of his caste people during extraordinary occasions, such as Rathotsava. The Assistant Commissioner Mr V R. Thyagaraja Iyer expresses full concurrence with Mr Chemungappa in thinking that no body except the Archak can enter the Garbhagudi. The Deputy Commissioner ~~also~~ requests to be informed whether the above view of the Assistant Commissioner is correct, especially as the temple in question is not subject to Aganik rules.

As regards the presentation of Prasada in plates to Brahmins, Mr Chemungappa upholds the action of the Archak in refusing to comply with the wishes of the Brahmins. The Assistant Commissioner does not express

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any opinion on the subject. The Deputy Commissioner however states that the argument of Mr Chennigappa is untenable and quotes

Pros: nos 6407-286 and 3570 dated 3rd August 1890 ^{or 18th in limited p.c.}
^R and 28th March 1895, which direct that
Satanji Pujaries should present prasadam
to Brahmins in plates.

Subj: The temple in question is reported
to be a Muzrai Durbar, being endowed
with Inam lands

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No two standing any particular Agama under which Puja is performed in the temple it does not appear fair to allow either Brahmins or any other Hindu under the Garbhagudi, ^{except when it is allowed by muni-} The question of the Sakam

In some places, say for instance Archak presenting Prasad to Brahmins in a place, maybe decided in accordance with the orders already issued at Harihara, ~~the~~ in the Govt Pro: of the 28th March 1905. Brahmins do. May the Dy. Commr be informed accordingly.

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Muzrai Secretary's remarks.

It is true that in the case of some temples persons other than the Archak enter the Garbhagudi and worship the God. In Benares, devotees actually touch the Linga of Sri Kasi Visweswara and worship Him. Such cases are however very rare and the ordinary rule is for the Archak and Paricharak and such people alone to enter the Garbhagudi.

In the present instance, it does not appear that the Brahmins had the right to enter the Garbhagriha before the present disputes arose. I think therefore that as a matter of policy it may be ruled that none but the Archak and those connected with the Puje service should enter the Garbhagudi.

The present dispute appears to have arisen from the fact that the Satani Pujari refused to present Prasada to the Brahmins in a plate. In two instances, the Govt have decided that Satani Pujaries should present Prasada to Brahmins in a plate. Vide Slips A & D in the linked file. I think therefore that in the present case also the Satani Pujari should be made

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to follow the above rule.

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Submitted to the JJ Councillor.

Handwritten signature

27th April 1907.

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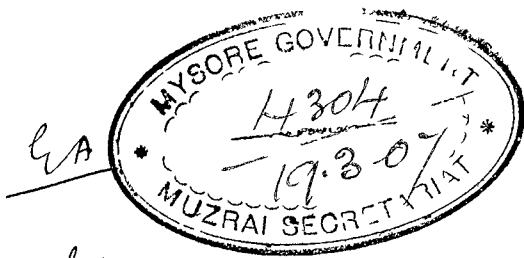
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From
to Sri Kantavarva Araya
B.A. B.L.
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar D.C.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore, Mysore Depts.

Dated
Despatched 18th March 1907
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General No. 6591
No. 341

Enclosure No one file

Submits for orders for
responsibility about Venkata
rayappa, a Sabard Archid
of Sri Arjuneyswami temple
at Kanganahalli in the
Chintamani Taluk who is
reported to have refused to
present the Brahmans with
prasadam in plates etc

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

Dated Kolar, 13th March 1907.

From
C. Srikanthaswami Aiyar Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To
L. Anantashwami Rao Esquire, B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

Sir,
I have the honor to state that one Venkatarayappa, a Satani Archik of Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at Kanganhalli in the Chintamani Taluk, is reported to have refused to present the Brahmins with Prasadam in plates and consequently misunderstandings arose between the Brahmins and the Archik who seems to have blocked the entrance to the Garbhagudi by placing stones across the doorway with a view to prevent the Brahmins who wished to enter the same to take the Prasadam from near the foot of the image.

2. Upon a complaint made by the Brahmins, Mr. S. Dharma Rao, the then acting Amildar of Chintamani Taluk, proceeded to the spot, got the obstruction removed and warned the Archik that he would be suspended if the act was repeated,

3. Mr. Chennigappa, who held further enquiry in the matter upheld the action of the Archik.

4. The Assistant Commissioner, Mr. V. R. Thyagaraja Iyer, in submitting the Amildar's report, states "I agree with Mr. Chennigappa and my predecessor in thinking that nobody except the Archik can enter the Garbhagudi."

5. The argument of Mr. Chennigappa as regards the refusal of the Archik to serve the Brahmins with Prasadam in plates, is untenable, as the Government have in their Proceedings Nos. 3407-236/R and 3570 dated 3-8-90 and 23-3-1905 respectively, decided that Satani pujaris should present the Prasadam in plates to Brahmins.

6. As regards entry into Garbhagudi by the Brahmins, I beg to be informed whether the view taken by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. V. R. Thyagaraja Iyer, that nobody except the Archik can enter the same, is

correct, especially in the topic in question is not subject to --

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The file of your letter on the subject, is herewith
sent for reference and return.

I have the honor to be,

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Yours most obedient servant.

L. H. Jones

For Deputy Commissioner.

Kolar District.

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Draft as per Dewan's orders

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Recd:-

Govt Pro nos 6407/286
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~~dated~~ and 3570, dated 3rd August
1890 and 28th March 1905, direct-
ing that Satam Pujaries should
present temple prasadam to
Brahmins in plates

Letter no 6591/341, dated
18th March 1907, from the Deputy
Commissioner, Kolar District; -

Order thereon -

In the communication
read above, the Deputy Com-
missioner reports that one
Venkataroyappa, Satam Arhat
of the Sri Anjaneyaswami temple
at Kanganahalli in the Chinta-
mani Taluk, refused to present

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my approval.

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the temple prasada in plates to
 the Brahmmins of the locality and
 that consequently misunderstanding
 arose between the Brahmmins and
 the Archak. The latter thereupon
 blocked the entrance to the temple
 on more than one occasion
 Garbhagudi, by placing stones and
 planks across the doorway with
 a view to prevent the Brahmmins
 from entering the Garbhagudi
 to take the prasada from near
 the foot of the image, and when
 questioned by the Amildar Mr.
 Chennigappa, ^{the Archak} stated that Satames
 alone were competent to enter
 the Garbhagudi. The Amildar
 thereupon reported ^{to the Archak} ~~that it was~~
~~not fair to create~~ ~~irregularities~~
distinction in favor of the Archak's
~~caste people in preference to other~~
~~castes and that the Archak alone~~

should have the right to enter the Garbhagudi on ordinary occasions, and that he might take the assistance of one or two of his caste people during extraordinary occasions, such as Rathotsava. The Assistant Commissioner, M. V. R.

Myagaraia has expressed his full concurrence with the above view of the Amildar. The Deputy Commissioner requests to be informed whether the above view is correct, especially as the temple in question is not subject to Agamikalas.

Para 2. ~~As~~ As regards the presentation of prasada in plates to Brahmins, Mr. Chennigappa upholds the action of the Amildar in refusing to comply with the wishes of the Brahmins but the Dy. Commr. reports that the Amildar's view is untenable.

3 From the ^{above} foregoing, the

Govt observe that the present dispute appears to have arisen from the fact that the Satami Injari refused to present Prasada to the Brahmmins in a plate. In the two instances of the Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at Kengeri in the Bangalore Taluk and the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Moodgere in the Masadi Taluk, the Govt have, in the ^{two} Proceedings read above, decided that Satami Injaries should present Prasada to Brahmmins in a plate. The Govt therefore, agreeing with the Deputy Commissioner, direct that in the present case also, the Satami Injari should be made to follow the above rule.

¶ As regards the right of entry into the temple Garbhagudi, the Govt observe that the ordinary rule is ~~for~~ the Archak and Vricharak and such people alone can enter therein.

Moreover, it does not appear in the present instance that the Brahmmins had the right to enter the Garbhagriha before the present disputes arose. The Govt. therefore direct that, as a matter of policy, none but the Archak and those connected with the puja service should be permitted to enter the Garbhagriha -

Devarisada) 
30/5/09
Secretary.

To


The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar Dt., with enclosure.

*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai, dated 12th June 1907.*

READ—

Government Proceedings Nos 6407-286—R and 3570, dated 3rd August 1890 and 28th March 1905, directing that Satani Pujaris should present temple prasadam to Brahmins in plates.

Letter No. 6591—341, dated 18th March 1907, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

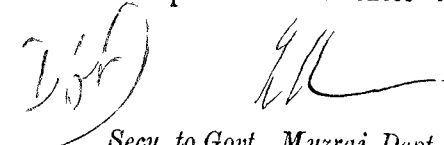
No. 5780, DATED BANGALORE, 12TH JUNE 1907.

ORDER THEREON.—In the communication read above, the Deputy Commissioner reports that one Venkatrayappa, Satani Archak of the Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at Kanganballi in the Chintamani Taluk, refused to present the temple Prasada in plates to the Brahmins of the locality and that consequently misunderstanding arose between the Brahmins and the archak. The latter thereupon blocked the entrance to the temple Garbhagudi on more than one occasion by placing stones and planks across the doorway with a view to prevent the Brahmins from entering the Garbhagudi to take the Prasada from near the foot of the image, and when questioned by the Amildar, Mr. Chennigappa, the Archak stated that Satanis alone were competent to enter the Garbhagudi. The Amildar thereupon reported to the Assistant Commissioner that the Archak alone should have the right to enter the Garbhagudi on ordinary occasions and that he might take the assistance of one or two of his caste people during extraordinary occasions, such as Rathotsava. The Assistant Commissioner, Mr. V. R. Thyagaraja Iyer, expressed his full concurrence with the above view of the Amildar. The Deputy Commissioner requests to be informed whether that view is correct, especially as the temple in question is not subject to Agamik Rules.

2. As regards the presentation of Prasada in plates to Brahmins, Mr. Chennigappa upholds the action of the archak in refusing to comply with the wishes of the Brahmins, but the Deputy Commissioner reports that the Amildar's view is untenable.

3. From the above the Government observe that the present dispute appears to have arisen from the fact that the Satani Pujari refused to present prasada to the Brahmins in a plate. In the two instances of the Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at Kengeri in the Bangalore Taluk and the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Mudgere in the Magadi Taluk, the Government have, in the two Proceedings read above, decided that Satani Pujaris should present Prasada to Brahmins in a plate. The Government therefore, agreeing with the Deputy Commissioner, direct that in the present case also, the Satani Pujari should be made to follow the above rule.

4. As regards the right of entry into the temple Garbhagudi, the Government observe that the ordinary rule is that the Archak and Paricharak and such people alone can enter therein. Moreover, it does not appear in the present instance that the Brahmins had the right to enter the Garbhagudi before the present disputes arose. The Government therefore direct that, as a matter of policy, none but the Archak and those connected with the Puja service should be permitted to enter the Garbhagudi.


Secy. to Govt., Muzrai Dept

To —The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, returning enclosures.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

M U Z R A I

P R O C E E D I N G S

Dated 12th June 1907

No. 5780 .

Passing orders with certain observations, in the matter of the presentation of Prasada in plates to Brahmins by the Satani Archak of the Sri Anjaneyaswami temple at Kanganhalli in the Chintamani Taluk.